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## High School Graduation Rate Reaches All-Time High

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Date:** 04/06/2015**Contact:** LDOE Public Affairs, (225) 342-3600, Fax: (225) 342-0193**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH***Greatest Gains Seen Among Students with Disabilities and Students of Color*

BATON ROUGE, La. - The Louisiana Department of Education today announced Louisiana's four-year high school [graduation rate](#) achieved a record high in 2014, increasing for the fourth straight year to reach 74.6 percent, a 1.1 percentage point increase from 2013 and a 3.2 percentage point increase since 2011. The 2014 graduation rate of 74.6 percent marks a nearly 10 percentage point increase in less than a decade. In the class of 2014, nearly 1,600 more students graduated than did in the class of 2013, and nearly 3,440 more students than in 2011.

Of the nearly 1,600 additional students graduating in 2014, more than 1,200 are of a minority racial group and more than 1,230 are from low-income backgrounds. Graduation rates for students of color improved by 2 percentage points, nearly doubling the state's overall improvement. From 2013 to 2014, the graduation rate for students with disabilities also significantly improved, seeing a 6.1 point increase.

"This increase in the number of students graduating from high school in four years is a great sign for our state and a true testament to the hard work and devotion teachers, principals, and families across Louisiana," said State Superintendent John White. "The increases realized by our districts and schools are more evidence our state cannot afford to go backwards."

#### **Historical Statewide Cohort Graduation Rates:**

Year	Cohort Graduation Rate	Percentage Point Change (From Previous Year)
2000-2001	61.3% (unofficial)	NA
2005-2006	64.8% (unofficial)	NA
2006-2007	66.3%	1.5
2007-2008	66.0%	-0.3
2008-2009	67.3%	1.3
2009-2010	67.2%	-0.1
2010-2011	71.4%	3.7
2011-2012	72.3%	0.9
2012-2013	73.5%	1.2
2013-2014	74.6%	1.1

#### **District Successes**

Districts made great strides in improving student outcomes. In 2013-2014, thirty-two (32) districts posted cohort graduation rates above 80 percent, up from 13 in 2011. Additionally, 52 districts increased their cohort graduation rates from 2013 to 2014, with 47 of those districts increasing at a rate faster than the state increase of 1.1 percentage points.

#### **Top 10 Districts Based on 2014 Cohort Graduation Rate:**

District	2014 Cohort Graduation Rate
DeSoto Parish	94.5%
Beauregard Parish	93.2%
West Feliciana Parish	92.3%
LaSalle Parish	90.3%
Cameron Parish	89.5%

Jefferson Davis Parish	89.4%
Vermilion Parish	89.4%
Orleans Parish (historically struggling schools in RSD removed)	89.0%
Sabine Parish	88.8%
Zachary Community Schools	88.5%

**Districts with Three Consecutive Years of Improvement in Graduation Rates:**

District	Cohort Graduation Rate (One Year Improvement)
Desoto Parish	94.5% (+14.1%)
Sabine Parish	88.8% (+9.0%)
St. John the Baptist Parish	77.4% (+5.1%)
East Carroll Parish	84.8% (+4.4%)
RSD - Louisiana	65.2% (+4.3%)
St. Mary Parish	81.0% (+3.9%)
Acadia Parish	85.2% (+3.8%)
LaSalle Parish	90.3% (+3.8%)
Caddo Parish	67.7% (+3.7%)
Washington Parish	85.4% (+3.7%)
Iberville Parish	77.2% (+3.2%)
Beauregard Parish	93.2% (+3.0%)
Avoyelles Parish	70.7% (+2.2%)
St. Bernard Parish	79.0% (+1.7%)
Allen Parish	86.7% (+1.6%)
Assumption Parish	88.0% (+1.6%)
Vermilion Parish	89.4% (+0.4%)

**Increased Graduation Leads to Increased College Enrollment**

Last week, the Department announced a record high number of public high school graduates matriculating to college. From 2013 to 2014, the number of graduates enrolling in college increased six percent, from 21,744 in 2013 to 22,972 in 2014. Since 2011, that number has increased by 3,146 students, or 16 percent, from 19,826.

To view state and district Cohort Graduation Rates, please click [here](#).

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